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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *02 July 2008*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-3,5-12 and 14-20* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-3,5-12 and 14-20* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Request for Continued Examination

1. The request filed on July 2, 2008, for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 based on parent Application No. 10/639,144 is acceptable and a RCE has been established. An action on the RCE follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-3, 5, 8-12, 14, 16, and 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hafeez et al. (US 6,920,191) in view of Wei et al (US 7,272,176).

a) Regarding to claim 1, Hafeez et al disclose a signal processing method comprising:

receiving a first wireless communication signal, the first signal including pulse shaping distortion produced by pulse shaping (signal received from antenna 102 in Fig. 2; it is inherent that distortions are introduced along with received signals);

extracting an approximation of the pulse shaping distortion from the first signal to obtain a second signal (blocks 106,108,109, 212, and 218 constitute as an

approximation of the pulse shaping distortion; block 218 produces a second signal; Col 7, L36-48); and

processing the second signal to obtain a user signal (block 216 produces a signal $\hat{a}_n$; abstract); wherein extracting comprises applying an equalization (DFE use LMS algorithm; Col 7, L16-20).

Hafeez et al did not explicitly disclose a third signal in the extracting step. However, Wei et al discloses a CDMA receiver comprises an adaptive equalizer uses a LMS algorithm (Col 4, L53-67). The equalizer is applied between the second signal (818 in Fig. 8) and a third signal (interpreted as output of the adaptive algorithm block 822) corresponding to the first signal (the received signal 804), the third signal including no pulse shaping distortion and consisting only of binary code division multiple access (CDMA) codes (Col 9, L54-Col 10, L19). It is well known that adaptive equalization compensate for interference and noise caused by the transmitter and the channel (Col 4, L51-54). Moreover, Hafeez et al's invention can be applied to CDMA communication system (Col 10, L3-9). Therefore, it is obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to apply Hafeez's invention in a CDMA communication environment and combine the adaptive equalizer teaching of Wei et al. By doing so, compensate interference and pulse shaping distortion in a CDMA communication receiver.

b) Regarding to claim 2, Hafeez et al disclose further comprising:

conducting a signal-user detection (wireless communication system; Col 1, L6-16); and

obtaining an amplitude estimate and a symbol delay for a user in a frame (213 and 218 in Fig. 2).

c) Regarding to claim 3, Hafeez et al disclose wherein the second signal has insignificant or no pulse shaping effects (Col 8, L12-14).

d) Regarding to claim 8, Hafeez et al disclose wherein extracting comprises subtracting an approximately known function of pulse shaping from an unknown function with a time-varying channel function (Col 6, L1-Col 7, L19).

e) Regarding to claim 9, Hafeez et al disclose a signal processing method comprising:

receiving a first wireless communication signal, the first signal including non-channel distortion produced by a non-channel function (signal received from antenna 102 in Fig. 2; it is inherent that distortions are introduced along with received signals);

extracting an approximation of the non-channel distortion from the first signal to obtain a second signal that includes a time-varying channel function (blocks 106,108,109, 212, and 218 constitute as an approximation of the non-channel distortion; block 218 produces a second signal; Col 7, L36-48); and

processing the second signal to obtain a user signal (block 216 produces a signal $\hat{a}_n$; abstract); wherein extracting comprises applying an equalization (DFE use LMS algorithm; Col 7, L16-20).

Hafeez et al did not explicitly disclose a third signal in the extracting step. However, Wei et al discloses a CDMA receiver comprises an adaptive equalizer uses a LMS algorithm (Col 4, L53-67). The equalizer is applied between the second signal (818

in Fig. 8) and a third signal (interpreted as output of the adaptive algorithm block 822) corresponding to the first signal (the received signal 804), the third signal including no non-channel distortion and consisting only of binary code division multiple access (CDMA) codes (Col 9, L54-Col 10, L19). It is well known that adaptive equalization compensate for interference and noise caused by the transmitter and the channel (Col 4, L51-54). Moreover, Hafeez et al's invention can be applied to CDMA communication system (Col 10, L3-9). Therefore, it is obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to apply Hafeez's invention in a CDMA communication environment and combine the adaptive equalizer teaching of Wei et al. By doing so, compensate interference and pulse shaping distortion in a CDMA communication receiver.

f) Regarding to claim 10, Hafeez et al disclose wherein the non-channel function comprises a transformation function (106 and 108 in Fig. 2).

g) Regarding to claim 11, Hafeez et al disclose further comprising:

conducting a signal-user detection (wireless communication system; Col 1, L6-16); and

obtaining an amplitude estimate and a symbol delay for a user in a frame to obtain the approximation of the non-channel distortion (213 and 218 in Fig. 2).

h) Regarding to claim 12, Hafeez et al disclose wherein the second signal has insignificant or no non-channel distortion (Col 8, L12-14).

i) Regarding to claim 16, Hafeez et al disclose wherein extracting the approximation of the non-channel distortion from the first signal comprises subtracting

an approximately known non-channel distortion from an unknown distortion of a time-varying channel function (Col 6, L1-Col 7, L19).

j) Regarding to claim 18, Hafeez et al disclose a signal processing system, comprising:

a receiver for receiving a first signal for wireless communication (signal received from antenna 102 in Fig. 2);

a tracking device for obtaining an amplitude estimate and a symbol delay for a user (106,108,109, 212 and 218 in Fig. 2);

an approximating device, coupled to the tracking device, for providing an approximation of non-channel distortion in the first signal, wherein the non-channel distortion is produced by a non-channel function (213 in Fig. 2; Col 8, L12-14); and

a signal-extracting device, coupled to the approximation device, for extracting the approximation of the non-channel distortion from the first signal to obtain a second signal that includes a time-varying channel function (DFE use LMS algorithm; Col 7, L16-20).

Hafeez et al did not explicitly disclose a third signal in the extracting device. However, Wei et al discloses a CDMA receiver comprises an adaptive equalizer uses a LMS algorithm (Col 4, L53-67). The equalizer is applied between the second signal (818 in Fig. 8) and a third signal (interpreted as output of the adaptive algorithm block 822) corresponding to the first signal (the received signal 804), the third signal including no non-channel distortion and consisting only of binary code division multiple access (CDMA) codes (Col 9, L54-Col 10, L19). It is well known that adaptive equalization

compensate for interference and noise caused by the transmitter and the channel (Col 4, L51-54). Moreover, Hafeez et al's invention can be applied to CDMA communication system (Col 10, L3-9). Therefore, it is obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to apply Hafeez's invention in a CDMA communication environment and combine the adaptive equalizer teaching of Wei et al. By doing so, compensate interference and pulse shaping distortion in a CDMA communication receiver.

k) Regarding to claim 19, Hafeez et al disclose wherein the non-channel function comprises a transformation function (106 and 108 in Fig. 2).

l) Regarding to claims 5 and 14, Hafeez et al disclose wherein extracting comprises applying a decision feedback equalization between the second signal and an approximation of the third signal based on a current decision (DFE use LMS algorithm; Col 7, L16-20. Also see Fig. 8 of Wei).

5. Claims 6-7, 15, 17, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hafeez et al. (US 6,920,191) in view of Wei et al (US 7,272,176), and further in view of Shattil (Pub No.: US 2002/0034191).

Regarding to claims 6-7, 15, 17, and 20, Hafeez and Wei et al disclose an equalization (LMS Col 7, L16-20), and all the subject matters above except for the specific teaching of at least one order of perturbation to adjust the approximation of the pulse shaping distortion.

However, Shattil discloses a wireless communication system comprise an approximate solution that is obtained from a first-order perturbation calculation ([0678]).

Therefore, it is obvious to one of ordinary skill in art to combine the teaching of perturbation algorithm taught by Shattil in the pulse shaping distortion compensator of Hafeez and Wei et al. By doing so, provide interference improvement in a wireless communication system.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eva Y Puente whose telephone number is 571-272-3049. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh Fan can be reached on 571-272-3042. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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